

### REMARKS

With this Amendment, the Specification has been amended to correct an error in the priority claim. No new matter is added by the amendment of the Specification. Accordingly, entry into the instant Application is proper and respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

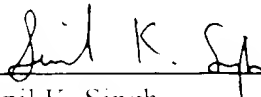
Applicant respectfully submits that all pending Claims of the captioned Application satisfy all requirements for patentability and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of the same is therefore respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee not included with this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150 (order no. 8067-113-999). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

If the Examiner determines that prosecution of the instant application would benefit from a telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (212) 790-6578.

Respectfully submitted,

Date September 5, 2001

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Sunil K. Singh (Reg. No.) 45,298  
for Samuel B. Abrams (Reg. No. 30,605)  
PENNIE & EDMONDS LLP  
1155 Avenue of the Americas,  
New York, New York  
(212) 790-9090

Enclosure

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/760,328, filed January 12, 2001, which claimed the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of United States Provisional Application No. [60/291,059] 60/219,059, filed July 17, 2000 and United States Provisional Application No. 60/220,950, filed July 26, 2000. The above applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

OFFICE OF THE  
REGISTERED MAIL

RECEIVED

MAR 14

TECH CENTER